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The Honorable Frank S. Berry
The Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Health and Medical)
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Berry:

I have read with interest your letter of 20 June 1957 addressed to Mr. Dulles relative to the work of the inter-departmental Committee on Nutrition for National Defense. Members of my staff agree that the Nutrition Surveys carried out by this Committee have provided useful medical information which is both current and detailed. These surveys also reflect the careful planning and the close coordination of many interested governmental agencies.

In anticipation of continued benefit from these surveys, the Central Intelligence Agency therefore agrees to allocate \$20,000 for the work of the Committee in the Fiscal Year 1958. In conformance with established budgetary procedures, however, we would appreciate an opportunity to review the value of CIA participation at the end of that period.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Interdepartmental Committee on Nutrition for National Defense greatly appreciated the allocation of \$20, 000 from the Central Intelligence Agency in fiscal year 1957 for support of the activities of the Committee. We sincerely hope that a similar contribution for fiscal year 1958 can be made.

For fiscal year 1958, the Department of Defense is contributing to the Committee's operating funds \$75, 000; the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare contributes on a continuing basis the salary of the Medical Officer, administrative services and housing for the Secretariat.

Background information on the present budgetary support for the foreign nutrition surveys conducted under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program is given in Appendix A. The program for 1958 was cleared with the Committee representative from your Agency, [redacted] of the Medicine Division, Office of Scientific Intelligence.

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Since January 1956, nutrition surveys have been conducted in Iran, Pakistan, Korea, the Philippines and Turkey, and a team is departing for Libya this month. The findings and reports of these surveys should provide extremely important strategic information, particularly in the field of medical intelligence.

Sincerely,

Frank B. Berry, M. D.

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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